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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Commons of Canada.

REQUISITION.

VICTORIA, B. C.,
22nd December, 1887.

To Edward Gawler Prior, Esq., M. P. P.:—

Recognizing the energy and ability with which you have conducted your private business in this city, and aware of the aptitude for political life which you have evinced while a member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Victoria City, we urgently request you to extend your sphere of political usefulness to the City and District, by becoming a candidate for the seat in the House of Commons of Canada, rendered vacant by the resignation of Noah Shakespeare, Esq., and pledge you our cordial support in the prosecution of the election contest, should a contest be rendered necessary.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Yours very Sincerely.

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John R. Giscome,	David C. Heal,
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Alfred S. Gill,	Fredk. Carne, jr.,
Wm. Munsie,	G. L. Simpson,
Thos. W. Pierre,	John J. Wilson,
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F. Evans,	M. W. Waitt,
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George Elvin,	William Clark,
Charles S. Wylde,	George Crossman,
W. H. Thistle,	W. K. Bull,
George Jaques,	Robt. McIntosh,
George Good.	George A. Keefer.

To Hon. J. S. Helmcken and others:

GENTLEMEN,—I thank you most sincerely for the confidence you have expressed in me as shown by the splendid requisition you have presented to me, embracing, as it does, the names of many of the most prominent men in every profession, trade and calling in this district.

Having once entered political life I freely place my services at the disposal of my fellow citizens in the constituency where all my interests are centered, and as you deem me fitted to serve you in a wider field than that I now occupy, I accept the increased responsibility which the promotion will entail, and shall, in compliance with your request, become a candidate for the lately vacated seat in the House of Commons of Canada, and, if elected, shall endeavor to serve you to the utmost of my ability.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

dec24 EDWARD GAWLER PRIOR.

CIVIC HOLIDAYS.

Notice is hereby given, that on Monday the 26th inst., and Monday, January the 2nd, 1888, the offices of the Corporation will be closed for public business.

JAMES FELL,
dec24 Mayor.

To the Ratepayers of James Bay Ward.

GENTLEMEN:

Having been requested by a large number of Ratepayers, I hereby announce myself a Candidate for Councillor for James Bay Ward.

dec21td GEO. POWELL.

CARD OF THANKS.

THE SISTERS OF ST. ANN tender their sincere thanks to all those who patronized the Bazaar lately held in aid of their institution.

They are particularly grateful to the ladies who had the management of this charitable work, and who labored so indefatigably to make it successful.

Victoria, December 20th, 1887. dec24

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ALSO A SPLENDID VARIETY OF

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Come one and all and Secure Good Bargains.

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dec20-4t Auctioneer.

CABLE NEWS.

Alleged Home Rule Proposal Denied---Lord Churchill in St. Petersburg--Steamer on Fire.

Prayer for the Crown Prince's Recovery--Consultation With the Czar---A Generous Donation.

John L. Sullivan's Letter to the London "Sportsman" in Answer to Richard K. Fox.

John L.'s Reply to Richard K. Fox.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The *Sportsman* to-day published the following letter from John L. Sullivan, toned down by the use of stars to escape a possible suit for libel: "Edinburgh, Dec. 22.—I noticed in several papers in this section an alleged cable offer from Richard K. Fox, in which he agrees to match Jake Kilrain to fight me in orthodox style, and to wager $10,000 to $7,000 on the result. I now wish to ascertain if this offer is a genuine one, or if it was cooked up by him who is in London representing Mr. Reynard and his * * trophies. I have no desire to pose before the public as an advertising sandwich. Consequently that 'Foxy' gentleman cannot induce me to lend myself to his * * by allowing them to hold our money and turn legitimate prize-fighting into a ticket-peddling snap. My desire is to fight Kilrain. I whipped him once and can do it again, and well they know it. You now hold £500 of Henry Phillips' money which goes on the following proposition, 'that we fight next April on the conditions that Mr. Fox takes $10,000 to $7,000, either dollars or pounds, or if the * * wishes the match six months' off and demands that the dog collar be thrown in as a chromo for the winner then the stakes must be doubled to $20,000 to $14,000 as a fair remuneration for the use of my name, because by that time the belt must become the absolute property of the winner. As I feel quite sure of getting it I have instructed Harry Phillips to consider the offer of it as a prize for a boot-blacking contest to occur in New York one month after the fight with Mitchell is over. All that is necessary to insure the match is for Mr. Fox to authorize his representative * * * in London to cover the £500.

Yours truly,
JOHN L. SULLIVAN."

M. Wilson's Investigation.

M. Daniel Wilson again appeared before the investigation committee today and was examined with reference to the newly discovered decoration scandal at length. His testimony was not made public, but as a result of his examination three men named Dubrenil, Herbert, and Renbandrom were arrested on a charge of having attempted to obtain the decoration of the Legion of Honor through M. Wilson's influence. It is quite evident through this circumstance that the idea of probing M. Wilson's connection with the scandals to the bottom has not been altogether abandoned, and it is also pretty sure. Wilson's anxiety to shift the load from off his own shoulders to those of anybody who may be unable to escape has in nowise abated. When the three men arrested to-day are arraigned for examination it may be made more clear that they were not so anxious to obtain decorations as the president's son-in-law was to influence their insurance for a consideration.

Important Dynamite Revelations.

Extremely important and absolutely fresh "dynamite revelations" are promised by the police next week. In the search for evidence against Millen and Melville the police have discovered, or they claim to have done so at least, that these presumed dynamiters have been known in London under several *alias* other than those mentioned in the warrants for their arrest. The discovery has led to the springing of a number of clues, which the police claim will result in the apprehension of persons hitherto unsuspected. Officers are scouring the vicinity of King's bridge, as well as Glasgow and other countries, in the hopes of bagging Millen, Melville and their accomplices.

Alleged Home Rule Proposal Denied.

Lord Salisbury flatly denies the assertion of Mr. Justin McCarthy concerning the alleged home rule proposal which the Tory government attempted to bring forward through Lord Carnarvon, who was charged with duly making overtures in their behalf to the Parnellite leaders. Salisbury declares neither he nor any other responsible member of the government ever authorized proposals, and he further asserts that they would have received no countenance from the government had they become a subject for serious discussion among the Nationalist leaders.

Lord Churchill in St. Petersburg.

The visit of Lord Churchill to St. Petersburg continues to confound political sages and others who are usually in a position to obtain information from inspired sources, and many of the latter persons express views on the subject diametrically opposed to those of their fellows. It is morally certain, however, he has gone on his own hook and that nothing he may say or do will receive sanction here.

Maintains His Former Remarks.

Mr. Justin McCarthy writes to the *Daily News* regarding Salisbury's denial of his (McCarthy's) statements at Hull concerning the tory home Rule proposal, maintaining the accuracy of his remarks. Mr. McCarthy declares he had often before quoted Lord Carnarvon's words in reference to the proposal, and that his lordship had never disclaimed them.

Hanlan Will Challenge Bubear.

A dispatch from Sydney, New South Wales, says that the date fixed for rowing the race between Hanlan and Trickett is May 3rd. Hanlan has decided to challenge Bubear to two matches, to be rowed in England in September for $500 a side each.

Life Guards to be Increased.

The government has decided to increase the strength of the life guards by two regiments, drawing from the dragoons for that purpose.

Charged with Being a Spy.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—A German travelling through France as a peddler was arrested at Bethune to day, charged with being a spy. The man has already been imprisoned and expelled from France under the same charge.

The Steamer Peconic on Fire,

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Peconic, from Norfolk, Virginia, took fire at this port to-day. Flames were discovered early this morning among 600 bales of cotton which were stored in the after-hold. The entire fire service was called out and after six hours' work succeeded in confining the flames to the compartment in which the fire started. The vessel is now nearly flooded with water and the fire is under control.

Prayers for the Crown Prince's Recovery.

COLOGNE, Dec. 23.—Five thousand persons marched in a procession to the shrine of the Virgin at Aix La Chappelle to-day and offered prayers for the recovery of the Crown Prince of Prussia.

Consultation with the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The commanders of the military districts of Warsaw, Odessa, Valna, Kiff and Charkoff, have been summoned to Gatschina to hold a consultation with the Czar.

A Generous German Singer.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Herr Scott, the German tenor, has devoted the money he has earned during his engagements in America to the erection of a Lutheran church at Abenberg.

THE COAL FAMINE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Steadily on the Rise—No Immediate Prospect of Relief.

The San Francisco *Call* has had an interview with leading coal dealers of that city. They said that retailers around town are unable to have their orders filled, and some of the wholesalers have closed their yards for the time being. Prices have enhanced fully 50 per cent., and within the next thirty days still further advances are predicted. One dealers said he did not expect a big supply until April, and it might possibly hold off longer.

One dealer said he had been in the coal business in this city for thirty years, and during that time he had never seen the market so bare as it is now, and never had the prospects for a supply been so gloomy. He could not have his orders filled and his customers now, when they ordered two tons of coal, received about one-quarter the quantity. The supply for the next few months would have to come from our domestic mines, and the Australian coal now on the way, which is used to make steam, etc., would have to be utilized for domestic purposes. While he did not anticipate any real hardship in the city, he saw nothing ahead for some time to come but rigid economy in the use of coal and the acceptance of whatever quality of the article that might be offered. Seven ships are due from Australia, thirteen are on the way, and fourteen are loading. The Newport Coal mine furnishes about 3,000 tons monthly; of the 22,000 tons output of the Wellington mines San Francisco received monthly about 15,000 tons. Owing to the fire in the Nanaimo mines some 15,000 tons monthly were lost to this market. Chandler's Wellington mine furnished about 1,000 tons a month; the Black Diamond is very limited; the Pennsylvania anthracite comes in small quantites, say a few hundred tons a month. Where this formerly sold for $14 a ton it would now bring $25 or $30 were there any on hand. The West Hartley, Scotch Flint and Cannel cannot be found in the market, nor can the Seattle nor Star.

As an indication of how matters stand Mr. Middleton mentioned the steamer Wellington discharging 2,300 tons of coal at Pacific street Wharf. There were 300 wagons ready to haul it away as fast as it could be delivered, and to get a load the teams had to get in line and wait for hours.

The rumors to the effect that some one had created a corner in coal Mr. Middleton pronounced too ridiculous to consider for a moment. "There is," said he, "no coal in the market, and not enough for our needs is on the way, and to make a corner some one has to have a lot of coal on hand or under control."

The Oregon Coal and Navigation Company's steamer Arago docked at Vallejo street Wharf yerterday morning, and at once commenced discharging her cargo of Coos Bay coal. A long string of teams was in waiting to get coal from the steamer, some of them having been in position since nightfall the night previous.

At Pacific street the steamer Empire docked with a load of Wellington coal. Here a string of teams, two blocks in length, were in line, waiting patiently to get a load of the scarce article from the steamer. Nearly every coal yard in town was represented at the two wharves.

HE WILL DROP OUT.

LaRiviere to Resign His Portfolio Before the Meeting of the Legislature.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—Hon. Alphonso A. C. LaRiviere, provincial treasurer of Manitoba, has all along refused to make public any statement of the result of his conference with the Dominion government, or of his future intentions, but he has been less cautious in conversation with political and personal friends. To them he has stated that he is tired of the worry and excitement of political life; and he intimated that he will shortly resign his portfolio in the Manitoba government. He said that the cause of this action was not differences of opinion with his colleagues. They had always got along well together and were, in short, a remarkably happy family; it was simply due to his desire to have a rest from the cares of office. He left the impression that he would retire before the meeting of the legislature of Manitoba on January 12th, but as a member of the house would continue to give the government his hearty support.

TRANSCONTINENTAL TRAFFIC.

Olds Speaks of the Agreement of the C. P. R. With American Roads.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 15.—Traffic Manager Olds, speaking of the agreement of the Canadian Pacific with American roads for transcontinental traffic, said: The American transcontinental roads have agreed to interchange freight and passengers with the Canadian Pacific on terms satisfactory to this company. I do not think there will be any advance in freight rates from Pacific Coast points to eastern points, but I believe it is intended to apply the same through freight rates on west bound freight as those now in effect on American lines. It is a virtual recognition of the importance of the Canadian route, and will result in large American travel over our line, as none of the American routes can compare in point of scenery to ours. It is, in fact, a very satisfactory arrangement to us. It will be ratified at a meeting of traffic managers at St. Louis on the 19th.

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AMERICAN NEWS.

A Passenger Train Thrown from the Track---One Person Killed and Several Injured.

Dun & Co.'s Weekly Report---An Ex-Saloon Man Charged With the Murder of a Woman.

The Situation in Western Kansas Improved---Twenty Cars of Coal Sent to the Relief.

Dunn & Co.'s Weekly Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly circular reports business throughout the country as active for the season and generally fairly satisfactory. An uncertainty, however, affects important branches of production and the industrial outlook does not improve. Currency is generally in good supply. Speculation has been less active and a general level of prices, though higher than a week ago, in most speculative markets has on the whole declined a little. The iron trade is unsettled. Sales of 40,000 tons of steel rails have been made during the week, generally at from $31 to $32. Bar iron is weaker; wool is not active and prices 10 to 15 per cent. below those of May last. Cotton is firm at the recent advances and a good demand for this season. The boot and shoe business is doing well, while the leather trade improves slightly. The Lehigh coal strikes continue, causing a severe financial strain in some quarters. Several large manufacturing establishments have closed for repairs and, as usual at this season, are likely to continue longer than usual. The distribution of groceries in all the districts is unusually large and the trade in holiday goods is both larger and earlier than usual. The general volume of trade shown in bank clearings outside of the city is fully as large as at this date last year. Stocks have averaged a fraction higher than last week, but are very dull. Wheat has risen 1¾ cents; oil, 3¼ cents; coffee, ¼; hogs, ½; pork, 25c. a bbl; tin, 1c. Copper and sugar are unchanged. The number of failures in the United States and Canada for the week were 290 as compared with 263 last year.

The Ways and Means Committee.

The evening *Telegram's* Washington special says: "Speaker Carlisle has decided who shall be upon the membership of the ways and means committee. The Democratic members will be Messrs. Millar of Texas, chairman, Cox of New York, McMillan of Tennessee, A. Breckenridge of Kentucky, Breckenridge of Arkansas, Turner of Georgia, Bynum of Indiana; Republican, Kelly of Pennsylvania, Brown of Indiana, Reed of Maine, McKinley of Ohio, Fuller of Iowa. Fuller was one of the Republicans who voted in the last Congress for a consideration of the Morrison bill. As the committee will stand there is not a protectionist among the majority, while only one free-trader will be assigned to the minority."

Answer to Sullivan's Card.

In answer to John L. Sullivan's card, published in the London *Sportsman*, Richard K. Fox has cabled that there is $500 up at the *Clipper* office for Sullivan to cover, which he (Fox) would increase to $5,000 if necessary. The match must be for $10,000 a side, and the fight must take place in America within six months after signing articles.

Foul Play Suspected.

In a car which arrived at Jersey City over the Erie Railway from St. Louis last night dress skirts were found covered with blood stains and with a substance resembling human brains, a slingshot also blood-stained was found beside the skirts. The articles were found at the bottom of a load of bales of cotton. The St. Louis police have been notified.

Dempsey vs. McCaffery.

Dempsey says, in regard to McCaffery's reported desire to arrange a fight, he is willing to meet McCaffery if there is any money in it. He don't see what a 190-pound fighter wants to fight a middleweight for, but he is willing if guaranteed something.

A Novel Christmas Box.

Lt. Percy P. May received a parcel by a messenger this afternoon, and on opening the supposed Christmas present found the contents to be a string attached to a match with some powder, gun cotton, muriatic acid and 555 loose pins. There was a sliding cover on the box, the pulling of which would have ignited the match. The police are in posession of the box.

Thrown From the Track.

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 23.—As the train that leaves Ashland on the Wisconsin Central railway at 7:30 for Milwaukee approached Coolidge, a broken rail was encountered which threw the sleeping car and the first and second class coaches from the track. The baggage car and engine remained on the rails. The cars were filled with passengers, and but few escaped without injuries of more or less importance. An old man by the name of Manter was killed. Conductor Greenfield received internal injuries that will probably prove fatal, and Mr. Barker, of Bancroft, also sustained dangerous bruises; Mr. Mucklen Quox, residence unknown, was seriously hurt; a passenger named Baker had to have three fingers amputated. Those less seriously injured are Mr. and Mrs. Clement and three children, were shaken and bruised; Mr. Ouan of Ashland, slightly cut; Mrs. Sullivan, cut about the head; Mahoney, an employé at Ashland Ore. docks, slight bruise; Mr. Moody, Euclaire, and Mr. McConnell, Chippewa Falls, slightly injured. The coaches that were thrown from the track are not damaged greatly and the line has been cleared to-day. Those seriously wounded are reported as resting easily, while those with lesser injuries have been sent to their destination.

Charged with Murder.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 23.—James Golden, an ex-saloon keeper of this place, was arrested this morning on a charge of murdering Mary Burke, a woman who had lived for some months with him as his wife. It is said he assaulted the woman with a broken bottle on Nov. 26th and inflicted injuries from which she died on the 13th inst.

Relief for the Sufferers.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 23.—The situation in western Kansas has greaty improved during the last twenty-four hours. The weather has moderated and the supply of coal is being increased. Twenty car loads were shipped yesterday from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé company's mines in Colorado which will be distributed at once at the towns most in need of fuel. This, it is believed, will supply the destitute communities for one week. The railroad company thinks by that time it will be able to supply future demands. Every effort is being made to aid the company to get coal from the mines.

Lost at Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Positive confirmation of the loss of the American clipper ship Alfred Watts, which sailed from this port on Oct. 8th for Hiogo, Japan, was received yesterday by the maritime exchanges. The vessel capsized when ten days out and all on board were lost except two of the crew, Henry Magnus and Oscar Lind who were picked up by the British bark Lizzie Perry on Oct. 20th. These men say the vessel capsized during a terrific hurricane after being dismasted and water logged. The vessel carried a crew of twenty-eight and one passenger, A. B. Oakford, son of W. H. Oakford, a hatter of this city. The vessel was laden with petroleum and valued at $75,000.

Transfer of Valuable Property.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The transfer of the Wilbur F. Storey estate, comprising the Chicago *Times* plant and building and private mansion; also the West Snowden Syndicate, will take place to-morrow. The legal papers were signed this afternoon by West & Snowden, and other parties concerned, and Judge Tuley is expected to enter an order to-morrow morning for the receiver of the estate to transfer it to the new proprietors.

Three Men Horribly Burned.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—The molten iron broke through the booch of Neshannock furnace in this city, about 2:30 this afternoon, and coming in contact with water surrounding it, created a terrible explosion. James Killeen, Jas. Lawler and John Cunningham were caught by the molten metal and horribly burned. Killeen will probably die. All the woodwork in the vicinity was burned and about thirty tons of metal form a solid mass.

Secretary Manning's Condition.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Hon. Daniel Manning's condition at 12:30 a. m. was apparently unchanged. He suffers sinking spells that seem to take him very near to death and he becomes semi-unconscious, but up to this time he has gradually revived after each of these, owing, doubtless, to his remarkable constitution. While he can hardly recover, it is thought he will pass the night safely. Continued sinking attacks of this character will speedily result in death.

A Fight With Indians.

NOGALES, Arizona, Dec. 23.—Information comes from Sonora that a detachment of troops on Sunday last had a fight with a party of Yaqui Indians, who were preparing to raid a place called Laguinta Del Paris. One Indian was killed and one wounded. In a skirmish with the same tribe a few days before four Indians were killed.

Extradition Doubtful.

SACO, Maine, Dec. 23.—The Halifax authorities have telegraphed that they cannot hold McNally, the young Saco bank defaulter, unless authorized from here. The bank officials held a meeting this afternoon, but were undecided what to do as they do not believe McNally can be legally brought back.

Remarkable Revolver Shooting.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—W. W. Bennett, brother of F. E. Bennett, to-day scored 941 points in one hundred shots with a forty-four calibre revolver at fifty yards range, thus beating Mr. Paine's score of 904 points made last Wednesday. Bennet made 92 bull'seyes, thus equalling Paine's record in that respect.

Railroad Shops Burned.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 23.—The Western Pennsylvania & New York railroad shops were burned at 3.30 o'clock this morning; seven locomotives were partly destroyed. Loss, $100,000.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The crisis on the continent shows no signs of ending.

A fire at Evansville, Ind., destroyed the dry goods house of J. W. Ruff & Co. Loss, $4,000.

The Great Eastern has been sold to a metal firm for £16,000. The vessel will be broken up.

Frank Warrilow, a painter in San Francisco, fell a distance of 20 feet while at work and was killed.

A fire in Montevido, Minn., burned a large part of the town yesterday morning. Losses, $12,000; insurance, one fourth.

Russian diplomats seriously expect some action on the part of Germany, Austria and Italy to induce Prince Ferdinand to withdraw from Bulgaria.

The Gleason-Gilmore fight is declared off. Gilmore sent a letter to the St. Paul *Globe* stating his backers refused to let the fight proceed, the principal reason being that the time and place of meeting was given out instead of being kept secret.

The suit of the banque Franco-Egyptienne against the New York, Boston and Montreal Railroad trustees for $6,000,000 is ended. Decision reserved. The record in the case covers 20,000 printed pages, and the argument occupied three weeks.

A negro laborer named Edward Johnson, of Delhi, Ohio, attempted to thaw out a dynamite cartridge in his house, when it exploded. Johnson and his two daughters were terribly torn and are not expected to recover. His wife and son were also seriously injured.

Ground was broken at Piedros Negros, Mexico, on Thursday, for the great international bridge that is to span Rio Grande at this point, connecting Eagle Pass, Texas, with this city. The event was celebrated as a holiday. It will take two years to complete the bridge.

Judge Seward Smith, of Pierre, Dak., was yesterday committed to Mount Pleasant insane asylum. He became insane while judge of the Fifth District from overwork and worry over unjust charges preferred against him by office-seekers. He was removed and is succeeded by Governor Church.

At a meeting in Tammany hall, New York, recently, the general committee took more the character of a democratic jollification. Carlisle, Randall and others were unable to attend. Senator Daniels, Editors Dana and Dorsheimer and District Attorney elect Fellows spoke. Most of the speakers endorsed Cleveland's message advocating a reduction of the surplus.

A collision occurred on the Cincinnati & Northern railway between the Montgomery accommodation coming south and an outgoing passenger train going north. Both engines were wrecked. Mrs. Proctor, who lives at South Norwood, and a Mr. Ringold were fatally injured. Engineer Collins had his ankle broken jumping; Engineer Glasgow had his leg broken; Edward Hickey, a passenger, had his foot badly crushed; Chas. Barber, another passenger, was injured about the face.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Capt. Jones Appointed Paymaster of the B. C. Military District—"C" Battery Time Guns—November Exports—Proclamation Calling Parliament in the "Gazette" To-day—Successful Candidates in the Civil Service Examinations.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Capt. A. W. Jones of the British Columbia garrison artillery is appointed paymaster and superintendent of stores for the British Columbia military district.

"C" Battery in addition to firing a gun at noon daily will fire one at 9 in the evening of winter and at 9:30 in summer.

November exports totalled eleven million, six hundred thousand dollars.

A proclamation calling parliament together on January 31st, will appear to-morrow.

The following have passed the civil service preliminary examination at Victoria in November: Richard Esnouf, Chas. Moore, Ashlan Smith, Wm. Stevens and George Wynne. The following passed the qualifying: Wm. Atkins, Wm. Phelps and Henry Warburton.

LIBEL CASE.

James Kennedy Mulcted in $1 and Costs for Libelling Woods, Turner & Gamble.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

The case of Woods, Turner & Gamble *vs.* James Kennedy, for libel contained in a letter printed by the defendant in the *Columbian* newspaper, was heard before a special jury to-day, James Leamy being foreman. The jury returned a verdict of $1 damages with costs.

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

ONTARIO.

Lieut.-Col. Archibald Ponton, Belleville, is dead, aged 82.

Religious service in honor of the Pope's jubilee have commenced at Ottawa.

An Ottawa civil servant offers to give $1,000 to the home rule fund provided any other citizen gives a similar amount.

The clergymen of Ottawa propose to apply at the coming session for an amendment of the law relating to Sabbath observances.

A dwelling house and contents belonging to James Purdy, carpenter, St. Catherine's, was burned. Loss, $1,000; insurance, $900.

An Indian from Walpole Island was killed on the Grand Trunk track at Tecumseh. Another Indian was killed on the same spot within three weeks.

Willie, the 8-year son of John Sharp, plasterer, was killed by a Grand Trunk lorry at Toronto. The driver, Frank Lipsett, was arrested for manslaughter.

Mrs. Middleton, who eloped with Fen Hamilton, tried to get into her late residence but found the door locked. The injured husband is still at Qu'Appelle.

The endowment fund of Queen's university, Kingston, lacks about $15,000 of reaching the figure calculated—$250,000. The students have enthusiastically taken up the matter, and during the holidays will raise the amount needed.

Preliminary hearing in the Russell county protest was resumed. C. H. Mackintosh, ex-M. P., the defeated candidate, admitted treating, but said it was the custom of the country. With reference to the charge of giving Mrs. McDonnell, hotel keeper, $10, he says it was won on a wager for her ability to kick as high as his head.

Alfred Chase (colored) was arrested at Windsor and taken from the Grand Trunk train about to leave for the east. He is charged with stealing $3,000 worth of securities and $127 in cash from Ezra S. Rice, of Livonia township, Wayne county, Mich. Chase declined to return to Detroit, and will be tried for bringing stolen property into Canada.

QUEBEC.

Rev. Father Calin, superintendent of the Montreal seminary, lies in a critical condition at Hotel Dieu hospital.

Jimmy McShane, Minister of Public Works, says the political plot for ruining him will be frustrated, as all accusations will be satisfactorily explained.

Michael Hurley, inventor of a system for heating cars by steam, has received an order from the department of railways to fit up an experimental train on the Intercolonial railway. If successful it will be adopted all over the line.

A dispatch from Stanstead says an attempt was made to blow up the residence of Horace Canfield, a bailiff under the Scott act, who has been serving many prosecutions of late. About one o'clock a bomb with lighted fuse was thrown into the house, but Mrs. Canfield heard the noise and by a miracle managed to detach the fuse, thus preventing a terrible disaster.

The movement to abolish tax exemption on Montreal church property has probably received its death blow by a pastoral letter of Archbishop Fabre, who denounces the proposal as a dangerous one and liable to upset the basis of society. He orders Catholics not to vote for any candidate for the city council or legislature who favors the project. The only step now probable is an increase in the already heavy burden on the general taxpayers.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

A freight train and lorry carrying section men, collided on the Intercolonial near Dorchester; five of those on the lorry jumped and escaped. The other named Landry was horribly mangled.

Plum Puddings.

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THE DOMINION ELECTION.

Major E. G. Prior, M. P. P., has accepted the influential and largely signed requisition presented him and will be the Liberal-Conservative candidate for the Commons in the room of Mr. Shakespeare. That he will be elected, in the event of a contest, there is no doubt and as little that he will make an excellent representative. Up to the present no one else has signified his intention of entering the lists and it is quite within the probabilities that Mr. Prior will be returned by acclamation.

COMMERCIAL UNION DEFEATED.

Commercial Union has received a decisive blow in Ontario. The election in East Northumberland was fought out on that issue, and it was agreed that the result should be regarded as an index of the feelings of that section of the province, at least. Dr. Mallory was again the Liberal and commercial unionist candidate, and Mr. Cochrane, the Liberal-Conservative standard-bearer. The latter was victorious. Wiman's "faed" was evidently not popular with the electorate, and received its first square knockdown in fair battle.

PHONOGRAMS.

It is stated by New York correspondents of the daily papers that Mr. Edison has succeeded in making his phonograph a "practicable and commercial apparatus." Phonograms will be sold in the shape of small cylinders, 1¼ inch in diameter, and from 1 inch to 4 inches in length. One-inch phonograms will contain 200 words, sufficient for an ordinary business letter, and will cost 50 cents a dozen. Full-size phonograms, 4 inches in length, will contain 800 to 1,000 words, according to the rate of speed of the speaker, and will cost about 36 cents a dozen. There is no manipulation of apparatus necessary. It will occupy about the room necessary for a type-writer, the cells going in a closet or under the table. The motor will be boxed over, and nothing but a revolving cylinder and mouthpiece will be in view. One touch of a little switch sets the machine in motion. Then the mouthpiece is adjusted to the cylinder, and talking may begin. The same process is to be gone through when the machine is to be read. It will be seen that the cost of phonograms is a great deal more than that of letter-paper; but provision is made for the use of the same phonogram twelve times if the messages it contains are not worth keeping. A little knife is attached to the machine, which takes a shaving off the surface of the phonogram the seven-thousandth part of an inch thick, and gives a fresh surface. This process may be repeated twelve times. Boxes for sending phonograms by post will be ready, with instruments, and will resemble the old-fashioned wood-turned pill boxes. It would appear, from the mention of "cells," that the phonograph is to be driven by an electro-motor.

THE POSTMASTERSHIP.

"Thus the salary attached to the office is $2,400, with an additional 25 per cent., or $600, for extra cost of living—a system which is recognized in the office to the lowest clerk in the service, making in all $3,000 a year. Mr. Wallace's retiring allowance cannot be less than $1,500 a year. So that the cost of the Victoria postoffice to the electors, irrespective of employees' salaries, will be in the neighborhood of $4,500—and all this for political favors to friends of the powers that be."

Thus writes our evening contemporary with reference to the postmastership. There is absolutely not a word of truth in the statements made. Had the *Times* taken the trouble to consult "The Civil Service Act" for 1886, it would have found under schedule B, headed "City Postmasters," the following facts: Postmasters are paid according as they rank, in five classes. In class 1, where the postage collections exceed $80,000 the salary is $2,600; in class 2, where they are from $60,000 to $80,000 the salary is $2,400; in class 3, where they are from $40,000 to $60,000 the salary is $2,200; in class 4, where they are from $20,000 to $40,000 the salary is $2,000, and in class 5, where they are less than $20,000 the salary is from $1,400 to $1,800 as the Postmaster-General determines. Victoria is understood to come under the 4th class and consequently Mr. Shakespeare's salary will be $2,000. The Act then reads: "*These salaries shall not be supplemented by any allowances, commissions or perquisites whatsoever.*" So that Mr. Shakespeare, upon his assumption of the duties of Postmaster, receives a *total salary* of only $2,000, and not $3,000, as stated by the *Times*. Had our contemporary taken the slightest pains to consult the Act he would not have exposed his gross ignorance upon a matter which is familiar to most people conversant with public affairs. Did he also glance his eagle eye over "the Civil Service Superannuation Act," Sec. 3, Subsec. (*a*), he would also have learned that the retiring postmaster will be entitled to a superannuation allowance very far short of $1,500, as he states. Indeed, according to the Act it will not reach $1,000, "so that the cost of the Victoria post office to the electors, irrespective of employees' salaries, will be in the neighborhood of $2,800 and not $4,500, as stated by our veracious contemporary. The public can form their own judgment of a journal which either wilfully misstates in order to prejudice the chances of the Liberal-Conservative candidate or displays a pitiful unfamiliarity with a matter upon which it endeavors to enlighten the electors. However, in the event of a contest we may expect a deluge of just such ridiculous stories.

PECULIAR ELECTRIC PHENOMENA.

Some very singular electrical phenomena (says the *English Mechanic*) were observed on two very dry days at a printing office in Mayence, when the establishment seemed to be convrted into a huge electrical battery. Electric sparks several centimetres long could be drawn with the fingers from all parts of the printing machinery, just as may be done from a charged electric machine. The action of the sparks became so pronounced that the layers-on and takers-off (who, it should be remarked, in German printing offices are mostly young women) refused to work, as burning sparks were emitted every time the machines were touched with the hands. The electrical phenomena were most striking in the machines used for lithographic printing. A strong paper made of cellulose was being printed at the time, and the takers-off observed a slight crackling as the sheets, which adhered pretty closely to the oil-cloth covering of the cylinder, were being withdrawn. This crackling was finally developed into a loud explosion, accompanied by beautiful flashes from 10 to 12 centimetres (from 4 to 5 inches) in length. The discharges are stated to have been more effective the more quickly the sheets loaded with electricity were withdrawn. A small circular saw mounted about 4 inches from an iron column discharged at intervals of from 20 to 30 seconds, when driven, powerful electric sparks, accompanied by loud explosions, upon the column. These phenomena were observed for hours, and continued for two days, when the printing office became free from electricity, and has remained so since. The following explanation is given by *Iron* of the occurrence. The outer walls of the building in which the printing machinery is placed are separated from the surrounding soil by a thick layer of asphalte, serving to keep the moisture arising from the soil from penetrating the walls. In the present case the asphalte, at the same time served to isolate the electricity generated within. The floors of the several machine rooms are also laid thick in asphalte, and the machinery is fixed direct to this flooring, so that is likewise perfectly isolated. There are only a few iron columns having direct connection with the earth. On the morning of the day on which the startling phenomenon described was first observed, all the machine belts had been greased with a mixture consisting of resin and linseed oil, serving to increase the friction between the belts and the pulleys. As soon as the machinery was set in motion, each individual pulley was converted into an electric machine on a large scale, negative electricity being formed on the belt covered with resin, and positive electricity on the iron pulley. The stored electricity, of course, was immediately given off whenever one of the machines, which for the time being were changed into accumulators or secondary batteries, was "tapped."

A LOWER Province exchange concludes an article on the death of Baker Pasha as follows: "His brother, Sir Samuel Baker of the British army, and a cousin, Mr. E. C. Baker, M. P. P., of British Columbia, are among the surviving relatives of the deceased, known by reputation in Canada." Our worthy representative in the Commons does not, we believe, claim the distinction. Col. James Baker, M. P. P., for Kootenay is, however, a brother of the late distinguished soldier.

IN AN interesting address before the Massachusetts Reform Club, at Boston, Prof. A. T. Hadley, who is well known as a student of the railroad question, called attention to the fact that since the law went into operation the short-haul clause has been daily of less account than was expected, while the clause affirming common law principles against discriminations has been daily of more account. This has happened because the commissioners have shown a disposition to extend their power under the sections against discrimination at the very time when they were narrowing it under the short-haul section. In a great majority of cases, moreover, the tariffs which conflicted with the short-haul principle had been framed as they were for the purpose of building up particular industries or particular localities. When the railroads undertook to favor certain localities or individuals they did it not by differences of tariff rates but by special rates to individuals. Their practice thus violated not the short-hand principle but the general rule against discriminations. The commissioners have also said in effect that the railroads should not make lower rates for large shippers than for small ones. Prof. Hadley warmly commended the course of the commission thus far, and President Cleveland's judgment in its appointment, but intimated that its greatest difficulties were yet to come. It has now begun to deal with specific rates—a very perilous field.

THE New York *World* has been taking the census of opinion of the United States Congress with the result that the Republican members declared their preferences for presidential candidate for 1888 as follows:

Non-committal	58
For Blaine	45
The nominee of the convention	17
John Sherman	10
Harrison	2
Against Blaine	4
Judge Gresham	2
Gov. Robinson (Mass.)	1
Allison	5
Gov. Rusk (Wis.)	1
Chauncey M. Depew	1

The connection between the senators and representatives and the party machines is very close in the United States, and the above no doubt gives an approximate idea of how the nominating convention if it met now, would be constituted. Mr. Blaine is the strongest personal candidate, with John Sherman second; but the chances are more in favor of the man from Maine than the vote indicates, as he would probably draw to himself most of the non-committals.

WE have several times spoken of the praiseworthy efforts which are being made to change portions of the desert of Sahara into a blooming garden. It now appears that these labors are beginning to produce practical results of the most encouraging character. The industry of the last few years has turned a large section of Northern Sahara into an immense basin of artesian wells, and the presence of an abundant water supply which, it appears, extends under the entire desert, has occasioned a most gratifying transformation. As a tangible result of thirty years' work many thousands of acres have been changed from barren sand to lavishly productive soil. This practically created country now contains about 25,000 inhabitants, in the neighborhood of 200,000 forest trees and more than 100,000 young fruit trees. In former times this district was absolutely rainless. But now the presence of an embryo forest is causing the development of cloud formations, and it cannot be long before the country is visited by regular rains. This would mean, among other good things, a most decided improvement in the climate.

TWO DEATHS.

The Sad Fate of Two Ladies Visiting the City for Holiday Shopping.

Mrs. James, residing at 326 O'Farrell street, on Wednesday rented a room to two ladies from Chico who were in the city for the Christmas shopping. They introduced themselves as Mrs. Thompson and niece. Yesterday evening after dinner they returned to the house and retired to their room. The younger one complaining of a sore throat Mrs. Thompson came down-stairs for some oil to apply as an ointment. Shortly after they retired to bed. The light was out in the room at 9 o'clock. This morning Mrs James put the key in the lock of the door with the intention of entering for the purpose of putting clean towels in the room. She found it locked on the inside, and as she detected a strong odor of escaping gas, a gentleman lodger was summoned and the door forced. As soon as it gave way, the gas poured out into the hallway like a cloud, and it was some minutes before the small apartment could be entered. A sad sight met the eye. Upon the bed lay the two strangers in easy restful attitudes as if asleep, but a glance, however, sufficed to show that both were dead. The escaping gas was hissing from the open burner and the window was tightly closed. The coroner was immediately summoned.

The effects of the deceased were subjected to a thorough search, but nothing was found that would lead to the identification of the unfortunate women except a parcel from a down-town dry goods establishment marked "Mrs. Thompson, Chico." It was subsequently ascertained that the lady was the wife of Charles Thompson, agent for the Southern Pacific Company at Chico. The sad intelligence was immediately telegraphed to the husband, who awaits the return of his wife to complete the family circle during the many pleasures of the holiday season.—*S. F. Bulletin.*

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THE GRAND OPENING of this College will take place on Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd, 1888, in the rooms formerly occupied by the Y. M. C. A., corner Bastion and Government Streets.

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The Principal is gratified with the liberal patronage given to the Victoria Business College, and would suggest that all new pupils begin with the grand opening on the evening of Jan. 3, 1888, when the Business Course will properly commence.

REFERENCES—S. D. Pope, Supt. of Education; A. C. Flummerfelt, Pres. Y. M. C. A.; Noah Shakespeare, M. P.; J. B. Ferguson, Jno. Jessop, D. Spencer, Jas. Hutcheson, W. Walker and Kossuth Co. Bank, Algoma, Iowa; and First National Bank, Algoma, Iowa.

IMPORTANT—Everyone desiring to attend the Night School, or who wish to take the Business Course, should address the Principal *at once*, or call on him at the College rooms between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m., or from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m., as it is necessary to arrange for the text books.

Circulars containing full particulars can be obtained at the bookstore of J. B. Ferguson & Co., or by addressing, H. J. VAN AUKEN, Principal, P.O. Box 35, Victoria, B.C. dec24

NOTICES.

NOTICE.
In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.
BOSSI & GIESSELMAN, PLAINTIFFS,
MARKS, RUTLEDGE & CO, DEFENDANTS:

UNDER and by virtue of an Order made this day by Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, C. J., I have been appointed Receiver of the Estate of Marks, Rutledge & Co., of Nicola B. C.

The order can be seen at my office, James Bay, and also at the office of Mr. S. Perry Mills, Langley Street, Plaintiffs' Solicitor.

Dated 3rd December, 1887.
JAMES C. PREVOST,
dec1-1m Registrar Sup. Ct., B. C.

NOTICE.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that from September 27th, 1887, all bills contracted by Barnett Aaronson, lately in my employ, I will not be responsible for, the said Barnett Aaronson having no authority to use my name. I also notify the public that the said Barnett Aaronson has no connection in any shape, form or manner in the business located on Johnson street, and known as Uncle A. A. Aaronson's Pawn Office. dec1-1m

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE AND Effects of WILLIAM BACHELOR, commonly known as FREDERICK REYNOLDS, deceased.

All persons who are indebted to this estate are required to pay the amounts due forthwith; and all persons who have any claims against the said estate are required to send the same on or before the 31st day of January, 1888, to
MESSRS. DAVIE & POOLE,
Langley Street, Victoria,
Solicitors for
MESSRS. JOHN D. BRYANT & WM. MCKEON,
Executors.
Dated at Victoria,
30th November, 1887. de1

NOTICE

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT I INtend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of lands and works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land situated on the north bank of Skeena River at a stake adjoining the Inverness fishing camp, thence running north forty chains, thence west forty chains, thence south forty chains, thence forty chains to point of commencement. No minerals are known to exist on this land.
R. STAPLEDON.
Victoria, B. C., Nov. 7, 1887.
nov17-2m

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the next sitting of the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company will apply for leave to introduce and pass a bill enabling them to construct a branch line from a point on their railway between Esquimalt and Goldstream, to a point on the north shore of the Straits of Fuca, between Pedder Bay and Otter Point.

Dated at Victoria, the 29th day of November, A.D., 1887.
CHARLES WILSON,
no30-td Solicitor for the Applicants.

NOTICE.
Re. Dominion Saw Mill Company, In Liquidation.

No one having attended at the previous enquiry ordered before the Registrar, the time for proving claims has been enlarged by the Hon. Mr. Justice Crease, to the 18th of December, 1887.
JAMES C. PREVOST,
dec6 Receiver.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE BILLS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the construction and operation of a line of railway commencing at a point at or near Michel Creek, Crow's Nest Pass, Kootenay District, thence by Elk River to the Kootenay River, thence by way of Cranbrook and the Mooyie Pass and Goat River to the lower Kootenay River, in the Province of British Columbia.
EBERTS & TAYLOR,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Dated, 6th Dec., 1887.
Victoria, B.C. dec7

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase 640 acres of land in Osoyoos Division of Yale District. Commencing at a post on the right bank of the Kettle River; thence north 160 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence south 160 chains; thence west 40 chains to point of commencement.
(signed) HARRINGTON PRICE.
Osoyoos, B. C., Dec. 14th, 1887. dec16 2m

Estate of James Bryden, Deceased.
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS CLAIMING DEBTS OR liabilities affecting the estate of James Bryden, late of North Saanich, deceased, who died on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1887, are required, on or before the 5th day of March, 1888, to send in their claims to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to pay their debts without delay. After the last mentioned date the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets pursuant to the will, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.

Dated, the 2nd day of December, 1887.
CHARLES WILSON,
Solicitor for Henry Brethour, the Executor.
dec3-3m

The Perry Creek Gold Mining Company,
(LIMITED LIABILITY.)
Location of Works, Perry Creek, Kootenay District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT a meeting of the Trustees of said Company, held on the 26th day of November, 1887, an assessment of Five 50 cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of said company, payable on or before the 26th day of December, 1887, to the Secretary of the company at the company's office, Victoria, B. C. Any stock upon which said assessment shall remain unpaid on the 31st day of December, 1887, shall be deemed delinquent and will be duly advertised for sale at Public Auction, and unless payment shall be made before will be sold on the 20th day of January, 1888, to pay the delinquent assessment together with costs of advertising and expenses of the sale.
HENRY JACOBY,
Secretary, pro. tem.
The Company's Office,
Government Street, Victoria,
nov 29-dec 5-12-19-26

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership business heretofore carried on at Clinton, under the firm name of McLELLAN & CO., as blacksmiths, etc., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Stephen Tingley and Francis Jones Barnard retiring from the same.

The business will be carried on in future under the old firm name of McLellan & Co. All accounts and unsatisfied liabilities of the old partnership firm are to be paid to and will be satisfied by the continuing partners.

C. N. McLELLAN,
CHARLES McINTYRE,
STEPHEN TINGLEY,
F. J. BARNARD,
P. pro F. S. BARNARD,
His Attorney in fact.
Dated, Dec. 2nd, 1887. dec17-1w

British Columbia Milling and Mining Company
(LIMITED).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following described Shares in the Capital Stock of the above-named Company have been sold by public auction, according to law, to cover Assessment No. 16 and interest and expenses, and that the certificates therefor have been and now stand cancelled, namely: John Irving, Certificate No. 949, for 1,000 shares; George A. Keefer, No. 1394, 100 shares.

The public are cautioned not in any wise to negotiate any of the above certificates or shares.
GEO. A. SARGISON,
Secretary.
Victoria, B. C., 17th December, 1887.
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CHAS. HAYWARD,
Funeral Director and Embalmer
Langley Street, Victoria.
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And Shooting Gallery above the Clarence Hotel, Yates street, is now open for the Season.
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On Alfred St., 7 roomed House 2½ Lots, $3,000.
Grocery business, $1,000; Candy and Fruit, &c. $950.
On 3rd St., 6 roomed House, full sized lot, $1,450.
Property on St. Lawrence st., 3 acres, $8,350.
Property on Fort St., 8 acres, 2 story Brick House, 5 rooms, $6,350. A. TOLLER,
Notary Public, cor. Broad and Trounce Alley.
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FOR MAYOR.

To the Ratepayers of Victoria City:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for the position of Mayor. Having served two terms as Councillor of James Bay Ward and having made municipal institutions a careful study for several years, I feel confident that, if elected, I shall be able to discharge the duties of the position in a constitutional and acceptable manner.
Yours truly,
dec20-td D. W. HIGGINS.

For the Mayoralty.

TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Mayor at the coming election, and will take an early opportunity to make my views known. In the meantime I respectfully solicit your vote.
dec16td JOHN GRANT.

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As the public are aware their building and stock was entirely burnt out last July, year. Parties buying for Christmas Holidays can have goods stored and delivered Christmas Eve, free of charge, within the city limits. Big inducements given to the Trade, Charitable and Church Bazaars; also, a full line of STAPLE AND FANCY CROCKERY, an opportunity for Hotels and Boarding Houses to fill up CHEAP at the
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VICTORIA, B. C. dec2

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A JAPANESE ACCOUNT OF FANS.

Probably a Chinese Invention—Fans for Ceremonious Occasions.

Dr. D. B. McCartee, for many years a missionary and educator in China and Japan, and now a resident of Washington, District of Columbia, has favored us with a translation he has made of a Japanese account of the fans of that nation. Dr. McCartee is one of the most accomplished Chinese and Japanese scholars in America, and his views on any Oriental custom carry the weight of authority.

The present communication is a translation from the French of Mr. Matsugata's report entitled "Le Japon a L'Exposition Universelle de 1878."

There are in Japan two kinds of fans; one called sensu (Chinese Shentizu), which folds up and is easily carried; the other of a round shape and which does not fold up.

No one knows exactly the origin of fans in Japan, but the traditions have uniformly taught us that about the year 670 (A.D.), during the reign of the emperor Tenji (who adopted many of the institutions and customs of the Chinese), an inhabitant of Tamba, looking at bats folding and unfolding their wings, conceived the idea of making fans of leaves, which from that circumstance bore the name of kuwa hori, which means a bat.

The fan called Hi gi [or Hitree fan] was made from the leaves of the Hi-no-ki (Chamacyparis obtusa). The leaves were tied to each other by threads.

Another kind of fan called Chukei (Chinese Chu Kin, lit. bamboo tendons or veins) is made of bamboo. It has the appearance of being half open when it is shut. These two kinds of fans are only carried on the occasion of great ceremonies.

The ordinary fans are made in Kioto, Osaka and Owari; but the better kinds are made in Tokio. The leaves (ribs, bones, sticks or stays) of fans are made of bamboo, but ivory, shell and shitan wood (imported from China) are also used.

They are decorated with mother-of-pearl, coral and lacquer work. The paper which covers the "bones" of the fan is frequently ornamented with gold leaf, drawings, flowers, birds, etc.

It is sometimes necessary to give the paper a coating of shiber (or varnish made from the juice of the raw persimmon) to give it greater solidity or firmness.

There is also a kind of fan very rich in quality and of a larger size, which is used by dancers to beat time, or in making graceful motions.

The Achiwa, or fans which do not fold up, come principally from Nara, some twenty miles or so from Kioto. They are generally made of paper, but sometimes of silk.

About 1660 (A.D.), during the period called Kuambun, a (Buddhist) preacher named Gensel, noted for his artistic taste, and who was also a poet, devoted himself at Fukakusa, in the province of Yamashiro, to the making of fans, which were very beautiful and in perfect good taste.

These fans, which acquired a great reputation, were known as Fukakusa Uchiwa. They are one of the principal products of that province. The best Uchiwa are made at Tokio, but as the varieties of this kind of fans are very numerous, we will not weary our readers by enumerating them in detail.

[NOTE.—The translator does not hold himself responsible for the inconsistencies of this account. The emperor, Tenji, introduced many of the Chinese manners and customs into Japan and many imitations of the Chinese official forms and offices. Calendars, almanacs, and the mode of denominating the year, were all introduced about the same time from China and fans probably at the same time also. The Chinese name used in Japan would confirm the supposition that the better kinds of fans, at least, were introduced from China.—D. B. McC.]—[New York Commercial Advertiser.

To Make Clothing Waterproof.

It is found that when paraffine is thoroughly mixed with linseed oil, cast into small blocks, and cooled, it may be used to make any fabric, as clothbelt, and leather, waterproof, by rubbing it with such a block, and ironing afterward to equalize the distribution of the material in the pores.

If too much is not put on, the material may be made to be only impervious to water, but not to air, the small greasy pores repelling water, but not air.

School Boy's Paradise.

What wouldn't the average boy give if his pa would only send him to the Fort Wrangel training school in Alaska?

The newspaper of that place says that the boys of the school last year killed for the use of the institution 14 deer, 11 seals, 1 bear, about 150 wild geese, over 300 ducks, numerous grouse, porcupines, marmots and snipe, and caught all the salmon, trout, herring, flounders, crabs, and clams they needed.

The One Thing to Teach Daughters.

There never was better advice given than that which Washington Irving once gave a lady:

"Don't be too anxious about the education of your daughters; they will do very well; don't teach them so many things; teach them one thing."

"What is that, Mr. Irving?" she asked.

"Teach them," he said, "to be easily pleased."

Hunting In North Africa.

The larger animals are being rapidly exterminated in Algeria, and the lion of the desert is fast becoming a myth.

During the eleven years from 1873 to 1884, bounty was paid on 202 lions, 1,314 panthers, 1,882 hyenas and 27,000 jackals.

DON'T

let that cold of yours run on. You think it is a light thing. But it may run into catarrh. Or into pneumonia. Or consumption.

Catarrh is disgusting. Pneumonia is dangerous. Consumption is death itself.

The breathing apparatus must be kept healthy and clear of all obstructions and offensive matter. Otherwise there is trouble ahead.

All the diseases of these parts, head, nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs, can be delightfully and entirely cured by the use of Boschee's German Syrup. If you don't know this already, thousands and thousands of people can tell you. They have been cured by it, and "know how it is themselves." Bottle only 75 cents. Ask any druggist. *

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APPETIZERS.

Just as Well.

"My dear," said Mrs. Gensing, addressing her husband at the breakfast table, "I am going to discharge the hired girl, for she does not do to please me."

"Well, I hope you won't discharge her until we get another girl to take her place."

"Yes, I will; and you'll see that we get along just as well. I'm going to do her work myself. Now don't you say a word for I'm going to do it."

Mr. Gensing said nothing, for, to tell the truth, the economical idea pleased him, but the next morning he could not see his wife get up and make fires, so he made them.

Then he brought water, and milked the cow, in fact discharged nearly all the duties of the hired girl.

"My dear," Gensing's wife said a few days later, "I told you that we could get along just as well without a hired girl. What's the use of wasting money?

"Now we are getting along just as well as can be without a word of complaint. You have never given me credit for what I can do.

"Say, George, before you go down town I wish you would bring in some wood and a couple of buckets of water, and, if you are not in too much of a hurry you may wipe the dishes for me."—[Arkansaw Traveler.

Good Hen Story.

A young married lady, who moved into the country from a city home, considered keeping hens a pleasant and profitable duty.

As she became more absorbed in the pursuit her enthusiasm increased, and "hens" made a favorite subject of her thoughts and conversation.

During one of her animated descriptions of success a friend inquired:

"Are your hens good hens?"

"Oh, yes," she replied in a delighted tone; "they haven't laid a bad egg yet."—[Catskill Mail.

Squeaky Slippers Wanted.

Ethelberta: "I want a pair of slippers for pa. Number tens, please, and—squeaky."

Genial shoemaker: "Squeaky, miss? I'm afraid we haven't any of that kind."

Ethelberta: "I'm sorry. Couldn't you make him a squeaky pair? There is a certain young gentleman who visits me frequently, and—and it would be very convenient for him to know just when pa is coming."—[Philadelphia Call.

A Horseman's Serviceable Head.

There is a colored preacher who lives near Jasper, Ga., that rules his horse by butting him.

If the horse is fractious or stubborn he takes the kink out by deliberately seizing it by the ears and butting it squarely in the forehead until it falls to its knees.

This it generally does at the second or third butt, when the old parson steps behind and drives ahead again.—[Conyers (Ga.) Solid South.

Hibernian.

"And how are yez falin' to-day, Mr. O'Rafferty?"

"I niver felt so poorly in me life. I'm too poor to buy the nicessaries of life. If I had millions it's ivery cent of it that I'd give to be a rich man."

"I'm wid ye, Mr. O'Rafferty. If I owned the whole wurld I'd be willin' ter give it away for a little piece of land and a cabin that I could call me own."—[Texas Siftings.

A Striking Resemblance.

Wife: "Can you tell me, my dear, why a widower is like a young baby?"

Husband: "H—m—er—because—because——"

Wife: "The first six months he cries a great deal, the second six months he begins to take notice, and he always experiences great difficulty in getting safely through his second summer."—[Life.

Correct.

Teacher: "Miss Sinnico, please parse the sentence, 'Adolphus married Caroline.'"

Miss S.: "Well, 'Adolphus' is a noun, because it is the name of a thing; 'married' is a conjunction, because it joins Adolphus and Caroline, and 'Caroline' is a verb, 'cause it governs the noun."

Heavenly Milk.

Miss Fussanfeather drank a glass of milk at Mrs. Crimsonbeak's last evening.

When asked her opinion she said it was just heavenly.

She explained to her ma when she got home that she said so because it was so blue.—[Yonkers Statesman.

A Considerate Book Agent.

Book agents are proverbially "cheeky," but the agent who had a fight with Dr. Nall, after getting well "done up" by the doctor, called in the latter to bind up his wounds.—[Memphis Times.

Scholarly Help.

Mistress to new servant: "Bridget, where is the dessert?"

Bridget (glowing with pride): "Ther dessert, mum? It's in Afriky or Agypt. The tacher alwus called me a foine lump ov a scholar."—[Judge.

A Confidential Application.

Mamma: "Come, Ivy, and say your prayers."

Ivy: "Please, Dod, make Ivy a dood little girl, an' don't tell mamma, I 'tole the cake."

Drug Store.

Mr. Blanchard, having purchased Mr. Atwood's interest in the firm of R. Atwood & Co., can be found at his store on Government street, next door to Neufelder & Ross', where he keeps a full line of Drugs, Chemicals, Toilet Articles, Patent Medicines, etc., etc. Physicians' prescriptions carefully and promptly compounded. M. G. BLANCHARD. *

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GEO. B. SMITH,
Att'y at Law and Ex-Pros. Att'y, Ashland, O.
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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

[L.S.] HUGH NELSON.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To the Returning Officer of the Electoral District of Comox.

WHEREAS a vacancy has happened in the Legislative Assembly by the resignation of Anthony Maitland Stenhouse, Esquire, a member for the Electoral District of Comox, We command you that, notice of the time and place of election being duly given, you do cause election to be made according to law, of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, for the Electoral District of Comox, and that you do cause the nomination of candidates at such election to be held on , and do cause the name of such member when so elected, whether he be present or absent, to be certified to Our Supreme Court, at the City of Victoria, on or before the Twentieth day of January next, the election so made, distinctly and openly under Our Seal duly endorsed upon this Our Writ.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, under the Great Seal of Our said Province of British Columbia:

WITNESS the Honourable HUGH NELSON, Our Lieutenant-Governor, at Our Government House, at Victoria, the Twelfth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

By Command,
JAMES C. PREVOST,
dec16-2w Registrar Supreme Court.

Department of Public Works

ESQUIMALT Graving Dock

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Graving Dock at Esquimalt is now ready to receive ships for repairs.

For terms, rules, &c., apply to Captain John M. Devereux, Dock Master, at his office at the Dock.

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH,
Dominion Government Agent.
Dominion Government Agent's Office,
Victoria, B. C., 12th October, 1887.
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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
DECEMBER 20TH, 1887.

SATURDAY the 24th, Monday the 26th, Tuesday the 27th, instant, and Monday the 2nd, and Tuesday the 3rd proximo, will be observed as Holidays at the Public Offices, which will be closed on those days.

JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to direct that the Burrard Inlet Polling Division of the Electoral District of New Westminster be constituted a District for the purposes of the "Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1872."

JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.
Provincial Secretary's Office,
20th Dec., 1887. dec23-1w

NOTICE.

HIS HONOR THE Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following Rule of Court:

1. There shall be a vacation of the Supreme Court from Friday the 23rd instant, until Saturday the 7th day of January, 1888, both dates inclusive.

During such period no pleadings shall be delivered or actions tried.

By Command.
JNO. ROBSON,
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Provincial Secretary's Office.
20th December, 1887. dec23-td

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Esquimalt and Nanaimo R'y

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.

TIME TABLE No. 5,

To take effect at 9.04 a.m., on Thursday Dec. 1st, 1887. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

GOING NORTH. READ DOWN. No. 2 Passenger Daily.	No. 4 Passenger Wed., Sat. and Sun.	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH. READ UP. No. 1 Passenger Daily.	No. 3 Passenger Wed., Sat. and Sun.
De 9.04 A.M		RUSSELL'S, Vic. W	Ar 1.40 P.M	
9.14		ESQUIMALT	1.30	
9.41		GOLDSTREAM	1.03	
10.36		SHAWNIGAN L'KE	12.08 P.M	
10.48		COBBLE HILL	11.56	
11.05		McPHERSON'S	11.39	
11.17		KOKSILAH	11.27	
11.22		DUNCAN'S	11.22	
11.32		SOMENOS	11.12	
11.58		CHEMAINUS	10.46	
Ar 1.00 P.M	De 10.00 P.M	NANAIMO	De 9.44	Ar 5.15
De 1.09			Ar 9.35	
Ar 1.24	Ar 10.15	WELLINGTON	De 9.20 A.M	De 5.00 P.M

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LAND DEPARTMENT.

Notice to Claimants under the "Act Relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock and Railway Lands of the Province":

The Company is now prepared to issue Conveyances of Title to all claimants entitled to the same under the provisions of the above Act, and who have fulfilled the Requirements of the British Columbia "Land Act, 1884."

R. DUNSMUIR,
President.
JOHN TRUTCH,
Land Commissioner.
Victoria, B.C., July 25th, 1887.
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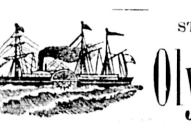

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Time Table No. 9, Takes Effect Nov'r 1st, 1887

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VANCOUVER TO VICTORIA,
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Sunday at 7 o'clock.

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FOR PLUMPER PASS,
Monday, at 13 o'clock.

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G. A. CARLETON, Gen. Agent. JOHN IRVING Manager.
March 17th. jy25

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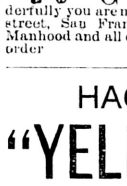

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Dec. 23.—Str Olympian, Port Townsend.
Str Princess Louise, Vancouver.
Str Yosemite, New Westminster.
Str Sardonyx, Portland.
Str Maude, Nanaimo.
Ship Spartan, Callao.

CLEARED.

Dec. 23.—Str Olympian, Port Townsend.
Str Princess Louise, Vancouver
Str Yosemite, New Westminster.
Str Woodside, Nanaimo.
Str Maude, Nanaimo.
Ship Spartan, Vancouver.

CONSIGNEES.

Over the C. P. R. —T N Hibben, D Spencer.

Per Str YOSEMITE from New Westminster Albion Iron Works Co, Dr Powell, C Strouss & Co, E Dickenson, D Spencer, Wm Bates, Fell & Co, J B Lovell, T N Hibben & Co, J H Todd & Son, R McDonald & Co, Victoria Illuminating Co, Dom Ex Co, U Nelson, Wm Wilson, M W Waitt & Co, Hang Wo, M C Brown, Mrs T G Smith.

Per Str. OLYMPIAN from Puget Sound—Boucherat & Co, A & W Wilson, Colbert & W, E G Prior, H G Walker, Fell & Co, J Ritter, J Weiler, McQuade, S J Pitts, Van Volkenburgh & B, W H Phillips, H B Co, Neufelder & Ross.

PASSENGERS.

Per Str OLYMPIAN from Puget Sound—H C Reck, A Smith, H Bassett, Macadam, R A Shore, E N Puttman, M Humber, M E Lyons, J F Brown, L Humber, Wm Shanklin, C Holloway C D Cassard, Wm Cox, T C Edwards, R T Linkist, D Dixon, J F Whitney, G D Woodcock, A Swenson, J Follett, Mr and Mrs O'Brien and infant.

Per Str RAINBOW from New Westminster—R Gotter, R J Matthews, F W Man, Miss Neil, M Gouay, Mrs Gouay, P Robinson, G Mackenzie and others.

Per str. YOSEMITE from New Westminster—Mr and Mrs Burnby, Miss Turner, Miss Withrow, Capt Gaudin, J T Carroll, W H Montague, W T Sawle, J McIntosh, J Stanford, J Jeffcott, Gillgin, W H Coaton, T B McLellan, J T Fee, F Randolph, Jno Doyle, Beckingham, A B Caster, T Sehl, F Sehl, Graham, J A Patterson and others.

Per str PRINCESS LOUISE from Vancouver—Lieut Lydia Vinal, S A, F H Mitchell, R A Anderson, E A Hart, J W Morrison, U Nelson, J Tift, D Mills, T D Cyrs, W L Cusack, G Woods, Mrs Geo Marshall, D E Kerr, Mrs Richardson, T Harper, J Crease, Miss Hilgerson, Rev H Emmerlin, N Franklin, R Hall, D Thompson, H G Walker, H Reid, Jno Geddes, J Wilson, R McIssac, A Jacob, A D McRae, D A McRae, Thos Thornton, L E Meergard, Ada Birch, A Sabett, L De la Ponte, J McDonald, W Reid, Maggie Reid, W Reid jr, J Shup, V M Johnston, S Aaronson, G Hawkins, R Eatch, A B Forestor, F M Phillips, J Rieney.

DEATH.

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WE wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and a jolly good time, but don't loose your keyhole.
† A. GILMORE, Johnson Street.

35, 30, 25, 20, 15 and 10 Cent Christmas Cards clearing out at 25 cents per dozen at Jamieson's. *

GOLD PENS and Pencils at the B. C. Stationery Co.

THE largest line of Juvenile books is to be found at the B. C. Stationery Co.'s store.

PLUSH Toilet Sets, at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s. *

SPECIAL lines of Library and Table Lamps, Electro-plated Goods, etc., at Geo. Powell & Co., Cheapside. *

Notice the new ad. of the Victoria Business College to-day. †

We move with the times; for proof, see our 5 cent Xmas card window, the B. C. Book Store. *

New Mantles, Jackets and Ulsters.

Together with a general assortment of Autumn Goods at the CITY HOUSE. *

THE largest and best line of fine prayer and hymn books is to be found at the B. C. Stationery Co.

Christmas Presents.

M. & H. A. Fox have now in stock a fine lot of English cutlery, of all kinds, suitable for Xmas presents, also plated-ware of the best quality and fancy goods. *

FOR the latest novelties in Fine Art Furniture and House Decorations go to J. Sehl, Government Street. *

THE Fischer Pianos are exceeded by none. M. W. Waitt & Co., Agents. *

PARIAN marble and bisque statuary, a multitude of lively subjects, just the thing for a handsome Xmas present, at J. SEHL'S. †

THE Xmas Cards at the B. C. Stationery Co.'s are less than half the price of other places in the city.

DON'T overlook this fact, that Waitt & Co.'s is the place to buy your Holiday goods. *

CARPENTERS buy their Tools at Geo. Powell & Co.'s, Cheapside, Government street. *

CASSELL'S Child's Bibles, $2.75 in Cloth and $5.00 Leather, at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s. *

Xmas Presents.

Nothing better or more acceptable for Xmas Present than your Photograph. Sit now and avoid hurry and delay. HALL & LOWE, the leading photographers, Government street. *

THE B. C. Stationery Co. sell their books less than any other house in B. C.

CLEARING out Sale for 30 days—Ulsters, Dolmans, Jackets and Waterproof Coats for Ladies and Children, reduced to cost price for cash at Albion House. *

Keep in Good Humor.

This injunction applies not only to the mental but the physical welfare. Salt rheum, erysipelas, and all obstinate humors of the blood are perfectly curable by Burdock Blood Bitters. tu-th-sat-dw

A Frequent Annoyance.

Who is there that is not frequently annoyed by distressing headaches? Sufferers from sick or nervous headache will find a perfect cure in Burdock Blood Bitters. Sold by all dealers in medicine. tu-th-sat-dw

Miss McLeod.

Doctor of Magnetism, of Toronto, is at the Clarence Hotel *

CHINA Dinner, Tea and Breakfast Sets, all styles and prices, at J. SEHL'S. †

PORCELAIN Plaques for painting on, at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s. *

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP, and take no other. d&w

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Chair.

The large and beautiful chair raffled by the St. Ann's bazaar committee was won by W. G. Bowman.

James Bay Ward.

Mr. Geo. Powell, of the firm of Powell & Co., offers himself as a candidate for James Bay ward in the council. Mr. Powell is a property-holder in the ward and will make an excellent councillor.

Against the Salvationists.

Judge Chauveau, of Quebec, has decided the Salvationist case and declared the defendants guilty of being a nuisance, and gave them the option of a speedy trial before him or go to the Queen's bench.

Yates Street Ward.

Capt. Nicholles (Nicholles & Renouf) is prominently spoken of in connection with the representation of Yates street ward in the next council. If elected he will be another right man in the right place.

Police Court.

The only case before the police magistrate yesterday was that of a Chinaman, Kee Yuen, charged by Officer Robb with carrying a bowie knife in his sleeve. He was fined $25 or imprisonment for one month.

Death.

Mr. John Henry Pitts died yesterday morning at the residence of his son, Mr. S. J. Pitts, Fort street, at the age of 76 years. Deceased was a native of Teignmouth, England. The remains will be interred in San Francisco, to which place they will be shipped.

Where the Ministers Dine.

Sir John eats his Christmas dinner at Ottawa and so will Messrs. Carling, McLelan and Costigan. Sir Hector Langevin and Sir Adolphe Caron go to Quebec, Chapleau to Sherbrooke, Tupper and Thompson to Halifax, Foster to Sussex, N.B., and Hon. Mr. Pope to Cookshire, if he is sufficiently recovered.

Good Results.

The mud scraper, according to arrangements made at the council meeting on Wednesday night, was brought out yesterday morning in order that a test of its qualities might be made. A large number of people, including several of the councillors, witnessed the operations, which were highly satisfactory, the scraper gathering the mud and throwing it aside in a most complete manner.

Decorating the Yosemite.

Resolved not to be behind in Christmas decorations, the employees on the Yosemite have commenced to make the steamer look presentable. On the saloon deck outside, pine branches are twined around the stanchions and railings; the saloon and dining hall have been beautifully arranged with evergreens, pine branches and tissue paper made into every conceivable form, such as chains, flowers, etc. The Union Jack will fly from the stern while the stars and stripes, the ship's old colors, are hanging over the large looking-glass above the after-stairs. The top of the large companionway in the forward part of the steamer is hung with cedar branches, formed into an arbor which presents an appearance creditable to the designer. Capt. Rudlin and Mr. Bishop, the popular master and purser, direct the decorations, and the latter remarked to a reporter: "As we have to pass Christmas aboard the steamer we might just as well do it in the proper manner." And so they will, for the boat is like a home to them and they are all one large family.

The Government and the C. P. R.

The persistent rumors to the effect that the Canadian Pacific was to be leased by the Dominion government on a guarantee of 3 per cent., which gained currency and credence, were given an emphatic denial by Mr. Van Horne and Sir Donald Smith. Mr. Van Horne stated positively that no such action was contemplated either by the government or the road, nor had the question of indemnity for cancellation of the monopoly clause ever been discussed between the government and the company. As to what basis such a thing was to be decided on Mr. Van Horne had not the slightest idea, and he did not believe any one else had. You may say, however, he added, that neither the government nor anybody else would ever get the Canadian Pacific Railway on anything like a three per cent. basis. He denied that there was any serious grain blockade in the west.

The Saanich Bazaar and Concert.

Following is the programme which was gone through at the Saanich bazaar and concert held in the Agricultural Hall at South Saanich on Wednesday night:—Glee: "Speed Away," Mrs. G. A. MacTavish and party; piano solo, Miss Porter; song, "The Midshipmite," Mrs. Butler; song, "Ehren on the Rhine," Mr. Worsfold; song, "Sweethearts," Miss Arrowsmith; reading, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven; vocal duet, "Larboard Watch," Mr. and Mrs. Roberts; song, "Sailing," Mr. Prior; song, "Daybreak," Miss Vidler; glee, the Misses Sluggett; piano solo, Miss Macdonald; song, "Warrior Bold," Mr. Ivor Lucas; and the second part was commenced by a charade entitled "The Waterfall," produced under the superintendance of Mrs. McTavish, in which the following ladies and gentlemen took part: the Misses Bunting, Thomas and Pratt, Mrs. J. T. Harrison, Mr. Collins, and Mr. A. Reynard; song and chorus, Miss Sluggett; comic song, Mr. Collins, "A Trip to Brighton"; piano solo, Miss Porter; song, "The Queen's Letter," Madames Butler and Roberts; song, Mr. Prior, "Thy Sentinel am I"; song, the Misses Roberts, "Won't You Tell Me Why?" The Rev. W. H. Gregory and the churchwardens feel deeply indebted to all friends for their kind assistance. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purchase of a bell for Holy Trinity Church, North Saanich.

Dr. Montague, M. P.

Dr. Montague, M. P. for Haldimand, is at the Clarence, and will remain here some days prior to leaving for San Francisco on a visit. Accompanied by Mr. William T. Sawle, publisher and proprietor of the Welland (Ont.) *Telegraph*, and Dr. J. T. Carroll, of Welland, he came over the C. P. R., arriving here on Thursday night. Dr. Montague was born in the township of Adelaide, County of Middlesex, Ont., and graduated M.D. from Victoria University in 1882. He is a licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario, and of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. He was an unsuccessful candidate at the general elections of 1886 for his present seat in the Legislative Assembly, and was first returned to Parliament at the general elections of last year. Counter protests were entered by his opponent, Mr. Colter and himself and they subsequently concluded to "saw-off" and fight the election over again. Although the genial doctor had to do battle *alone* against the ablest speakers in the Liberal camp, including Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. William Patterson, he had no difficulty in meeting them on the hustings and expounding clearly and ably the doctrines of the Liberal-Conservative party. He was elected, and a recount demanded by Mr. Colter failed to lose him his seat. He succeeded in making a name for himself during the campaign as an orator which cannot fail to secure him a prominent position in the first ranks of the faithful Commons.

The Holiday.

Christmas and New Year's Days falling on Sunday this year, Monday will be observed as a general holiday.

For the Local.

Coun. F. S. Barnard will contest the seat, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Prior, in the Legislative Assembly as a supporter of the present government.

The New Star.

Mr. Homfray says that the "Star of Bethlehem," which is expected shortly to appear, will be seen in the constellation Cassiopeia, which at 9 o'clock at night at the present time is seen directly over the left shoulder of a spectator looking towards Cedar Hill. It will be like the sun in minature, of exceedingly great brilliancy, plainly visible in the daytime, and will attract wondrous attention throughout the civilized world.

Didn't Want to Suicide.

A San Francisco dispatch of Wednesday's says: Frank Steinborn, who arrived here from Victoria about a week ago, attempted to commit suicide this morning by jumping into the bay. Steinborn had scarcely struck the water, when he awoke to the consciousness that he had made a grave mistake when he concluded that he wanted to die, and accordingly cried lustily for help. A policeman was in the vicinity, and hearing cries for help ran to the assistance of the drowning man, who was fished out and taken to the receiving hospital, where he told a strange story.

HOLIDAY DISPLAYS.

Mr. John Parker's and Mr. Robert Porter's Butcher Shops Make a Good Showing.

The holiday season this year seems to have been an inducement to all shopkeepers to brighten up their stock in order to show what they are capable of selling. The leading butchers of this city have vied with one another in this respect and a finer display of meats was never seen before.

Mr. John Parker, the long-established caterer to almost innumerable customers, is the owner of not less than three shops, one on Fort, one on Yates and the other on Johnson streets. All made amost creditable showing, for on the side hooks hang huge sides of beef of the best quality, bunch grass and stall fed. Mutton graces the top hooks, turkeys of all sizes can be seen hanging about, and a large black bear graces the door, the observed of all hungry mortals. The decorations are simply gorgeous and the artistic work on the saddles of mutton speaks volumes for the designers. Mr. Parker has a large business to attend to, and his success in making such an excellent showing is highly commendable.

Robert Porter, of the Island market, is also a prominent dealer and has this season, excelled any past efforts. His object is to always please his customers and he has done so, far beyond his most sanguine expectations. The decorations in his market are certainly second to none in the city and the beef he has on exhibition speaks well for his judgment in the matter of selection. Mr. Porter, who is assisted by his sons, never fails to make his presence felt in the community in a way which will have a lasting effect and his genial countenance welcomes people to the shop which is a model of perfection. The cuts of meat he has, show that he is an adept in his business and his artistic merits are also well defined in the arrangement of the smaller meats. Many people visited the shop last night and on the evening previous and many complimentary remarks were made.

PERSONAL.

R. Hall returned from Vancouver last night.

U. Nelson, T. Harper, W. G. Walker and W. L. Cusack, have returned from the mainland.

Louis Redon and wife will leave for southern California to-day week where they will stay until March.

D. Wilson, inspector of schools, went over to New Westminster this morning, where he will eat his Christmas dinner.

D. Chisholm, M. P., accompanied Dr. Montague and his friends to this city. He received the congratulations of many friends on his hale and hearty appearance.

Hon. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways and Canals, tumbled down stairs a few days ago at Ottawa and has been laid up ever since. His physician consider his condition serious.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That Mrs. C. Kosche has received a new stock of hair goods of the latest styles, as frontpieces, wigs, etc. Hair cutting a specialty. 112 Government street. All kinds of hair work made to order.

That the presence of ex-Father McGlynn at the anti-satanic hallelujah demonstration of the Salvation army, under command of Field Marshal Booth, in New York, shows that he is looking into other novelties beside the anti-poverty society.

That the case of the state of Michigan *vs.* Governor Swineford, of Alaska, being an action to compel the defendant to render an accounting of funds placed in his hands as commissioner to the New Orleans exposition, was decided in favor of the plaintiff.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Reformed Episcopal Church—Services on Sunday at the usual hours. In the morning the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge will (D. V.) deliver a Christmas sermon; and in the evening preside at the Communion. Rev. Dr. Reid will preach. Sunday school service in the afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Gorge Road Church Services—Rev. J. E. Starr will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock. Subject: "The Angel Song." In the evening Rev. J. W. Wadman will give one of his popular talks: Subject, "Astronomy." The choir, led by Prof. Agius, has prepared some special Xmas music. Pews free. All welcome.

To Their Numerous Friends and Customers

The Jubilee Saloon extend their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A sumptuous Dinner and Beer will be served FREE from 9 until 10 o'clock to-night. All are cordially invited. DECKER & SMITH. *1t

On View.

XMAS GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS, just opened out, a new lot. At G. W. A. LANGE'S, Jeweler, Government Street. *1w

A High Valuation.

"If there was only one bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil in Manitoba I would give one hundred dollars for it," writes Philip H. Erant, of Monteith, Manitoba, after having used it for a severe wound and for frozen fingers, with, as he says, "astonishing good results." tu-th-sat-dw

THE largest assortment of Juvenile Books in the city is at Jamieson's, and all are fresh, clean and new.

New Winter Cloakings,

Trimmings and Buttons at the City House. *

Buy your charts and nautical works, civil and mechanical engineering works, at Jamieson's. *

A FULL supply of bound editions of Little Folks, Chatterbox, Boy's and Girl's Annual for [illegible] at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s. *

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKET.

A Most Substantial Display of Christmas Meats.

Van-Volkenburgh Bros. do not pride themselves upon an artistic effort, but rather endeavor to make as substantial a showing as possible. During the past year their business has greatly increased, and although called upon to feed the hungry as far north as Sitka, yet they manage to accomplish the task and still have choice cuts over for the beef-consumers of Victoria. Some magnificent beef had been got in readiness for yesterday's display, but the Ancon came along and it was shipped to Alaska. However, as there was never a better meat supply than that of this year, other animals were killed, and the spacious British Columbia Market made the substantial exhibit that its genial manager so much likes to look upon. There were sides and quarters of prime beef by the dozen, gaily dressed mutton by the hundred, with large and diminutive porkers grinning from their places. Turkeys there were without number, and the humbler but equally prized goose and chicken were also conspicuous. The display was such an one as makes the heart of the hungry man glad and his temperament cheerful, and it is a truism that this satisfactory state of things is never readier secured than by means of a good dinner. And while there was such an abundance of good things, it is also a pleasure to know that in our population there are few who are without the means of providing themselves with enough and to spare. The display at the B. C. Market had hosts of admirers last night of the thousands who were on the streets, and it was evident from the satisfaction depicted on the faces of Mr. Ben. Van Volkenburgh and his numerous customers that they were equally gratified with the exhibit.

WILLIS BOND'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Bond addressed a limited but appreciative audience at Philharmonic Hall last evening. The enthusiasm of those present made up for the formidable array of empty benches. Mr. Bond said, in effect, that commercial union meant political union and political union meant the destruction of the British empire on the American continent—a most undesirable calamity. He called in question the reasoning of Mr. Blake, Mr. Goldwin Smith and others and declared, with an apology for the expression, that the supporters of commercial union were disloyal. He had no fear that the "fad" would ever be accepted because all sensible persons in Canada would object to being placed in a position of humiliation and degradation by union with the great republic. Commercial union came from nothing and led nowhere. (Laughter and applause.) Asked his opinion on the municipal election, he said he supported the Hendry scheme until that distinguished engineer, Mr. Keefer, reported against it and he saw how wrong the scheme was. Those councillors who had stood out against the Hendry scheme deserved the thanks of the community, not the abuse (applause.) The Pickering report was feeble and premature. The Keefer report was an able one. Referring to politics he said that by the hand of fate the constituency was face to face with another election. He didn't approve altogether of the acceptance of office by a member of parliament; "but such was fate—and human nature!" (great laughter.) He was rather non-committal as to candidates for the Commons; preferring to wait until all were out; but announced himself as a supporter of the local and Dominion governments. The lecturer concluded his able oratorical effort amid the warm plaudits of his auditors, who at two-bits a head did not number sufficient to pay for the gas.

MARINE.

Capt. Worth, formerly of the Umatilla, has taken command of the American tug Mastick.

Steamer Umatilla is on the way from San Francisco for this port. She should arrive Monday morning.

Steamer Mexico arrived from the Sound at 9 o'clock last night and will leave for San Francisco to-day at 1 o'clock p. m.

British ship Lindisfarne was reported from San Francisco on Tuesday as having been chartered to load coal at Nanaimo.

Ship Hagarstown, 1,808 tons, built at Richmond, Me., in 1874, has been sold at New York to be cut down as a coal barge, for $26,000.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Turkeys which were imported in a live state from the Sound and dressed here have been shipped back, the supply across the Sound having proved too small.

The Queen's market meat exhibit last evening attracted a great deal of attention. There was no vote this year upon the best looking man in the line, as it is generally conceded that while the proprietor of the Queen's remains in the business none of the others have a show.

During the Holidays Only.

The prices for our pianofortes will be Style B, 7 octaves, walnut or mahogany case, $275. Style A, 7½ octaves, ebonized case, with elegant consoles, $375. All our instruments have overstrung scale, heavy iron frame, highest class French check actions, brass damper blocks, No. 1 ivory keys, tubular hammer-rail and all the valuable improvements to date. With regard to workmanship come and examine. We cordially invite inspection. Factory: corner Fort and Broad streets.
†6t GOODWIN & JORDAN.

Crystallized Fruit.

Messrs. Fell & Co., Fort street, have the best assortment of Bon Bons, Crystallized Fruits &c., in the city. *

The highest cash prices paid for ladies and gent's new and cast-off clothing. Note—Address S. Cooness, second door from Broad street, on Johnson. *

LATEST styles in "Tom and Jerry" Sets from $5 up at J. SEHL'S. †

A FINE assortment of Table Cutlery, Carvers, Plated Ware, etc., at John Weiler's, Fort street. †

The grand opening of the Victoria Business College and Night School will take place on Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd, 1888, when the business course will properly begin. †

BRASS GOODS—very pretty and very serviceable—at the B. C. Stationery Co.

BETTER never late than. Such is the fact because a fresh and handsome lot of Xmas Cards have arrived at the eleventh hour. T. N. HIBBEN & Co. *

GOODS just received at Spencer's "Arcade"—Fur Muffs and Boas; Mantle and Dress cloths; Astrachan Jacket Trimmings, Pearls and Dress ornaments, Fur Top and Jersey Gloves, Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, and a large lot of House Jerseys and Children's Wool goods. *

PHOTOGRAPH Albums, Family Bibles, Writing Desks, Ladies' Sewing Stands, at Hard Times Prices at Jamieson's. *

FOR fine art gift books go to the B. C. Stationery Co.

New Black Costume Materials.

Ladies who wear black from choice will always find the best variety at the City House. *

THE POLICE UNIFORMS.

TO THE EDITOR.—An article appeared in this evening's *Times* in which it is stated that some one had realized a profit of $150 on the police uniforms, and I am asked to explain into whose pockets the supposed profit went? In the hope of being able to answer the conundrum propounded, I waited on Mr. A. McLean, the contractor (who is very unwell) this evening and he informed me that the $150 alleged profit had not gone into his pockets or into those of Mr. Roberts who made up the goods. I am certain it did not reach my pockets, and that it is not now nor ever was in the mayor's. Mr. McLean desires me to say that the mayor and I were both present when the arrangement was made with him for furnishing the suits, which the council had ordered to be made by white labor at Victoria and not in Ontario, that the mayor approved of the cloth and took an active and leading part in ordering the suits—I having declined to open Mr. McLean's letter on the subject, which was addressed to me as chairman of the police committe—except in the presence of his worship.

I may add that in every step taken with regard to these uniforms the mayor, the council, and the police committee were consulted. Even the cloth was chosen by the mayor and the police committee and not by me individually.

D. W. HIGGINS.

BEATING THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

Why the Long and Short Haul Clause Was Evaded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The hearing in the case of John H. Martin and H. H. Martin of Denver against the Southern Pacific Railroad company, alleging a violation against the long and short haul of the inter-state law, was continued before the commerce commission to-day. Thomas R. Kimball, general freight agent of the Union Pacific road, and W. G. Clements were called, and added that greater freight rates were charged between San Francisco and Denver than between San Francisco and Omaha, and justified it on the ground that the Canadian Pacific company, being a competitor for business to Missouri river points, compelled the Union Pacific to make a reduction in favor of those points, the Canadian Pacific being without the jurisdiction of the commission. Defendants claim that under the circumstances stated above, there has been no violation of law. Mr. Martin stated that the discrimination was made in the interest of Kansas City.

REVEREND SHINN.

Full Text of His Remarkable Prayer to an Iowa Legislature.

The Hon. Frank Shinn, who was the Republican nominee for State Senator in this district, is the son of the Rev. Shinn who made the famous prayer in the Iowa legislature in the early days, when that body convened at Iowa City. At that time the issues in this state were Federal money against wildcat banks and prohibition. The Rev. Shinn was called upon to open the house with prayer one morning, and did so in the following language: "O God, bless the young and growing State of Iowa. Bless her representatives, senators and chief officers. Give us a sound currency, pure water and an undefiled religion, for Christ's sake. Amen." It has been many years since the prayer was delivered, and yet for its remarkable conciseness, pungency and power it has never been equaled by a public prayer since.—*Council Bluffs Nonpareil.*

The Chicago Candy Store.

Never in the history of Victoria has there been such a lovely and tempting assortment of Christmas Confectionery than that to be found at the Chicago Candy Store, a few doors below the Bank of British Columbia, on Government street. We have imported from New York, Chicago and San Francisco, Christmas Tree Ornaments, Fancy Candies of innumerable designs, the finest kind of Crystalized Fruits and a wonderful variety of Christmas Novelties. Our stock of hand-made Creams are the best manufactured on the coast and the cheapest in the city, while other home-manufactured Candies are in great abundance, made from the purest goods. We have also a full stock of Nuts, Figs, Dates, Oranges, etc., and can supply Christmas goods at better prices than any other house in the trade. A. LAWRENCE,
* Below the Bank, Government St.

On the Platform.

Public speakers and singers are often troubled with sore throat and hoarseness and are liable to severe bronchial attacks which might be prevented and cured by the use of Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam—the best throat and lung remedy in use. tu-th-sat-dw

BEZIQUE SETS at the B. C. Stationery Co.

THE largest and cheapest line of Family Bibles will be found at the B. C. Stationery Co.

Another Lot

of new goods from the Old Country just opened by the B. C. Stationary Co. *

My Wife

May want a Parlor Suite, Easy Chair, Pictures, or other piece of Furniture for Christmas. I'll buy from Anderson & Hastie, Fort Street. *

Bon Bons.

Finest assortment of Crystallized Fruit and Bon Bons at Fell & Co.'s. †

Butter.

Fresh Ontario Butter in rolls, at Neufelder & Ross'.

THE services of N. P. Stranberg, C. E., Graduate of Eaton and Freeze Business College, Charlottetown, have been secured by the Victoria Business College. †1t

GREAT reduction in prices at Albion House.

CANADIAN Pocket and Lett's Office Diaries, at T. N. Hibben & Co.'s. *

NOTHING has ever been imported in this country that equals in elegance and art the new line of Albums and Photo Frames just received direct from Germany by the B. C. Stationery Co.

DON'T MISS IT.—It's not every day that you have an opportunity of getting a $100 oil painting for nothing. Every Dollar, Cash, you spend in Jamieson's Bookstore entitles you to a *Free Ticket* for a splendid oil painting of "The Straits." *

THE VICTORIA BUSINESS COLLEGE has issued a new Holiday Circular. Get one at J. B. Ferguson's Bookstore or at College rooms. †3t-eod

XMAS CARDS at 25 cents a dozen big enough to make a hat. The B. C. Stationery Co.

WORK BOXES at the B. C. Stationery Co.

BUY One Dollar's worth of Holiday Goods for cash at Jamieson's and get one *Free Ticket* for the magnificent oil painting of "The Straits." Five Dollars entitles you to *Five Free Tickets* and so on. *

IF YOU don't know what you want to buy for Christmas, come up to John Weiler's Fort street. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

B. WILLIAMS & CO.,

HATTERS AND CLOTHIERS

HAVE A FINE STOCK OF

Clothing and General Outfitting Goods,

Which Should be Examined Before Purchsing Elsewhere.

THE PRICES WILL BE FOUND RIGHT.

REMEMBER THE PLACE.

JOHNSON STREET, between Broad and Douglas.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE?

Is the question now uppermost in everybodys mind. Everyone knows that they must give something.

WHAT SHALL - IT - BE?

Old people, young people, big people and little people are all on the expectation seat. They must all give and all receive.

SOMETHING USEFUL

May be best appreciated, and such things will be found in our large and carefully selected stock of

HOLIDAY GOODS.

IT COMPRISES:

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES, FINE SUSPENDERS, TIES, PURSES, CUFF BUTTONS, SCARF PINS, COLLAR BUTTONS, SHIRT STUDS, ETC., ETC., ETC.

COME NOW!

While the assortment is complete. Remember this stock cannot be duplicated this season.

Mechanics' Cash Clothing Store,
48 JOHNSON STREET,
W. G. Cameron.
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MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE TAX

Tax Payers are hereby notified that any Real Estate Tax due by them if paid on or before the 31st day of December instant, they will be entitled to an abatement of one-sixth of the amount thereof.

THOS. RUSSELL,
Assessor and Collector.
Victoria, B. C., City Hall.
20th Dec., 1887. dec21

Just Arrived.

A CONSIGNMENT OF FINE AMERICAN

Buggies and Phaetons

By the Celebrated Makers Engor & Co., of Cincinnati.

For Sale at Reasonable Prices.

G. BYRNES,
Aug2-tf Fort and Langley Streets.

Worth Knowing!

It has long been the study of chemists to produce an article that, while it would beautify the complexion, would also have the merit of being harmless, but these two important qualities were never brought together until combined in Wisdom's Robertine, the newest and best preparation science has yet produced for beautifying the complexion. $1000 is offered for every grain of poisonous substance found in it. D. E. Campbell, chemist Victoria, B. C., Agent. †

Reduced Prices.

Just received, a large stock of fine gold and all kinds of mouldings. Over 250 patterns to select from. Steel engravings and all kinds of pictures. Mounting and framing a specialty. Call and examine before buying elsewhere. JOS. SOMMER, Government street, three doors below new Bank of British Columbia. †

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The Best Brand IN THE MARKET. Manufactured FROM THE Choicest Wheats

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